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amendment, on any bill since you've been here, that you can recall?

SENATOR PREISTER: I haven't proposed an amendment that would ban all chemicals in the state, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, not all...thank you. That's all I will ask you at this point because if we get to your amendment, there'll be the opportunity to explore that further. Members of the Legislature, however way it's cut, this bill is wrong. To require people who have been in business to conduct their business a certain way, to require them to offer a certain product for sale, even if there is no market for it...I'm shocked at Senator Raikes. There will be a service station out in the Sandhills where nobody wants to buy ethanol, but that person must offer it for sale when there's no market. Are Senator Schrock's people, and is Senator Stuhr going to get her convoy together, to drive way up in the Sandhills to keep that merchant in business by buying the ethanol that you are all are going to mandate that he or she sell when there's no market for it? What kind of craziness is this in a conservative state? I cannot grasp this. Something is not computing. Either I'm disconnected from reality or this Legislature is. You don't even know that there's a market and you're going to mandate that somebody must offer a product for sale and there's no market for it. That is absolutely insane. Something is insane if there's no rational, reasonable basis for it. It doesn't necessarily mean drooling and worthy of being in a straitjacket and being put in a padded cell, but I think in this instance that's what I mean when I say it. No market...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for 18-foot tall stilts, but every store has to sell, or offer for sale, 18-foot tall stilts because there are four big companies who sell those stilts in Nebraska. So every store must offer for sale 18-foot tall stilts, and people would laugh, but when we talk about Cargill and these other big shots, that's no laughing matter. So you're going to make these merchants offer for sale a product where there's no market for it. I cannot understand that. Mr. President, in the interest of being collegial, I will withdraw that motion.